Town of Lancaster Recreation Youth Basketball Program – Como Park January 11, 2016

Bantam Girls

After a two week hiatus for the holiday season, the Lancaster Recreation Youth Basketball program was back with a full slate of games at Como Park Elementary School. The first game, in the Girls Bantam Conference, saw the Spartans storm back from a 10-9 halftime deficit to best the Bears 25-20. Grace Pyc scored eight of her game high twelve points in the second half to lead the comeback. Grace Harrington added six points, Kaitlyn Propis four and Addison Stachewicz three in keeping the Spartans undefeated. For the Bears, who suffered their first loss, Morgan Molino scored ten points, Riley Hebeler eight and Madigan Mescall two, but it was not enough.

The second game was a real dogfight as the Bulldogs got into the win column by defeating the Huskies 36-19. McKenna Corcoran and Melanie Marcezin led the way by splitting 20 markers, but received abundant support from Haylee Gunsher (6), Kaylie Jackson (4), Grace Szpylman (4) and Ava Wedge (2) on the offensive end, and a strong defensive game from Kyra Wolf. The Huskies, who are still looking for their first win of the season, got a great game from Sienna Wolf, who scored eight points. Molly Mescall added six, Kayla Wagner four and Mae Stold chipped in a free throw to the Huskies' scoring.

Midget Boys

In the Boys Midget Conference, the Bulls, who have played three good games but came away on the short end each time, won in convincing fashion, slamming the Spurs 30-17. Ryan Andolina had the hot hand for the Bulls with 15 points, while Dean Wendel played his best game of the season in adding eight more points. Will Mueller chipped in three and Ben Merz and Brayden Monk split four in helping the Bulls to victory. The Spurs could not run with the Bulls on this day, but did receive a strong game from Mark Sirianni, who scored seven points. They also received contributions from Jack Martindale (6) and Nate Stojanovski (4), but still went down to defeat for the third time.

In a battle of unbeaten teams, the Braves beat the Lakers 52-46 in a close, well-played game. Joe Harrington led the way with a season-high 22 points. Tyler Derkovitz also hit for double digits with ten. A pair of Jacks, Harrington and Speyer, split 16 points evenly while a third Jack, Farrugia added four in a well-balanced Braves' attack. The Lakers, who fought back from large deficits several times during the game, received double-digit scoring from Zachary Schmitt (12), Benjamin Swigonski (11) and Michael Wolski (10), and strong games from Carson Gugliuzza, who scored six points, Richie Kamats, who scored five, and a bucket from Matthew Kaler.

Every player scored for the Knicks as they earned their first victory of the season, while keeping the Grizzlies winless with a 51-27 victory. J.J. Counihan played his best game of the season, scoring 15 points and was supported by Jason Mendola and Mitch Mycek, who cleaved 20 points. Andrew Miller scored six points, Bobby Bashor and Declan Warrington four each, and Alex Folster and Dawson Pyc

supplied a free throw each to the Knicks win. For the Grizzlies, Peter Skulski scored twelve points and Ryan Teichmann eight to lead the way. Connor McCusker added a couple baskets for four points and Gavin Jell contributed three points in the losing effort.

The last game saw the Celtics blow open a close contest and handily defeat the Clippers, 53-41. James Berent scored all 14 of his points in the second stanza as the Celts increased a two-point half-time lead to the final margin of 12. Noah Boling also had a strong game, contributing 13 points, while C.J. Kanick (9), Mason Cisco (8), Thomas Carlsen (6), Ryan Taylor (4) and Nathan Backes (2) all had a hand in the offensive output for the undefeated Celtics. The Clippers, who lost for the second time in four starts, were able to keep the game close for a spell but could not match the firepower of the Celtics. They were led by the duo of Adam Gabryszak (13) and Matthew Mazur (12), who both played strong all-around games. They received offensive support from Troy Zamrock, who added six points, Mark Martin and Ryan Klein, who divided eight and Jackson Tulley, who dotted the score sheet with a bucket of his own.